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The third quarter updates to fiscal year 2018 Intended Use Plans (IUPs) for the Clean Water SRF and the Drinking Water SRF are now available for public review and comment at the following locations:

[Clean Water SRF](#)

[Drinking Water SRF](#)

Public comments are welcome. Draft quarterly project lists are also available for review.

A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2017 in the Wallace State Office Building, [502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, IA](#). The meeting will be held in the DNR's 2nd floor West conference room at 10:00 a.m. Participants should check in at the 4th floor DNR reception desk. Written comments will be accepted through Thursday, November 16, 2017.

It is anticipated that the Iowa Environmental Protection Commission will act on the IUPs at their December 19, 2017 meeting.

Questions and written comments should be directed to Patti Cale-Finnegan, DNR SRF Coordinator, patti.cale-finnegan@dnr.iowa.gov.

Hypoxia Task Force Releases 2017 Report to Congress

From EPA's Office of Water, 11/2/2017

"The Hypoxia Task Force is releasing its [2017 Report to Congress](#) on the actions the federal, state, and tribal members have taken toward the goal of reducing nitrogen and phosphorus pollution in the Mississippi/Atchafalaya River Basin and shrinking the size of the Gulf of Mexico hypoxic zone.

The Report to Congress:

- Discusses the environmental, economic, and social impacts of Gulf of Mexico hypoxia and harmful algal blooms;
- Provides information about the size of the hypoxic zone since 1985 and sources of nutrient loading in the MARB;

- Describes the progress of state nutrient reduction strategy development and implementation;
- Discusses federal agency programs that support state implementation of nutrient reduction strategies;
- Evaluates and highlights lessons learned by presenting broader HTF successes and successful state projects; and
- Focuses on recent HTF efforts to track the environmental results of state strategy implementation.

To learn more about the Hypoxia Task Force, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/ms-htf>.”